38. A system for providing therapy to a mitral valve annulus of a heart, the system comprising:

a device dimensioned for placement in the coronary sinus of the heart adjacent to the mitral valve annulus of the heart, the device effecting the shape of the mitral valve annulus to provide therapy to the mitral valve annulus, the device including a coupler that provides releasable coupling of the device; and

an introducer configured to be releasably coupled to the device coupler and that places the device in the coronary sinus adjacent to the mitral valve annulus,

the device being configured to provide the therapy to the mitral valve annulus while coupled to the introducer.

REMARKS

New claims 32 and 33 have been added to the application to more comprehensively define the invention. These claims are directed to a mitral valve therapy device and system wherein the device is configured to provide mitral valve annulus therapy while being coupled to its introducer. This permits the device to be adjusted contemporaneously with device effectiveness monitoring.

The application is now believed to be in condition for first examination. Allowance of the application is respectfully urged.

In the event additional fees are due as a result of this amendment, payment for those fees has been enclosed in the form of a check. Should further payment be required to cover such fees you are hereby authorized to charge such payment to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

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